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REF: A. USNATO 0223

B. USNATO 0266

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1. CHAIRMAN OF AD HOC COMMITTEE ON SUBJECT, DEPUTY SYG PANSAS,
PROPOSED TO ASK CHAIRMAN OF INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE TO RE-

EXAMINE THE QUESTION OF ELIGIBILITY FOR FUNDING COST-EFFECTIVENESS
STUDY IN SG(75)18 (SEE REF A). MISSION RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF
THIS PROPOSAL ALTHOUGH WE DID NOT SEE MUCH CHANCE FOR CHANGE
IN INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE POSITION (REF B). WASHINGTON CON-
CURRED (REF C).

2. SINCE ABOVE TRANSPIRED, TWO DELEGATIONS HAVE COMMENTED ON
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PANSAS'S PROPOSAL. FRENCH BELIEVE FUNDING OF STUDY IS MORE
PROPERLY A CIVIL BUDGET MATTER BUT WOULD NOT OBJECT TO
INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE TAKING ANOTHER LOOK IF NO OTHER
DELEGATION OBJECTS. THE FRG, HOWEVER, WILL NOT REPEAT NOT
SUPPORT A RESUBMISSION OF THE PROBLEM TO THE INFRASTRUCTURE COM-

MITTEE. INSTEADBF THE FRG PROPOSES THAT THE AD HOC COMMITTEE ON THE SURVIVABILITY OF THE NATO HQ BRING THE MATTER TO THE ATTENTION OF A JOINT MEETING OF THE CIVIL AND MILITARY BUDGET COMMITTEES BY MEANS OF A LETTER TO THE CHAIRMAN OF THE CIVIL AND MILITARY BUDGET COMMITTEES. THIS LETTER WOULD REQUEST THE JOINT COMMITTEE TO TABLE THE QUESTION AT ONE OF ITS NEXT MEETINGS.

3. MISSION HAS NO OBJECTION TO FRG PROPOSAL AND WIL SO INFORM PANSA. WE WOULD IMAGINE CIVIL AND MILITARY BUDGET COMMITTEES WILL HAVE PROCEDURAL QUESTIONS TO WORK OUT SUCH AS PROPORTIONS FOR FUNDING BETWEEN CIVIL AND MILITARY BUDGETS. OUR IMPRESSION IS THAT THE 50,000 IAU ESTIMATED COST OF THE STUDY MAY NOT BE BASED ON FIRM DATA AND THE JOINT COMMITTEE MAY WISH TO EXAMINE THIS QUESTION AS WELL BEFORE APPROVING ANY FUNDING.

4. PREVIOUS WASHINGTON GUIDANCE ON USE OF CIBIL BUDGET FUNDS, REF D, INDICATES NO OBJECTION TO FINANCING STUDY BY OTHER NATO MEMBERS, BUT THAT US WILL BE UNABLE TO MAKE A CIVIL BUDGET CONTRIBUTION IN 1974 OR 1975. MISSION ASSUMES THIS WOULD ALSO APPLY TO 1976 OR 1977 BUT WOULD APPRECIATE UPDATED GUIDANCE. ALSO REQUEST GUIDANCE ON SUITABILITY AND AVAILABILITY OF MILITARY BUDGET FUNDS FOR THIS PURPOSE.BRUCE

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